

**SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION**

**SALEM, CONNECTICUT**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 15, 2010**

**Present**

Pam Henry     Peter Lee

Bob Appleby   Rich Cirillo

Sue Spang/Chairperson

Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

**Absent**

Jim Burke     Joe Dalton

Al Giansanti   Kim Bingham

**Call to order:**

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**1. Minutes:**

**M/S/C (Appleby/Cirillo) to approve the January minutes as presented. Vote: P. Henry, P. Lee, R. Cirillo to approve minutes. Abstaining: B. Appleby**

**M/S/C (Henry/Spang) to approve the February minutes as presented. Abstaining: P. Lee; R. Cirillo, B. Appleby**

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

S. Spang presented the budget.

**M/S/C (Appleby, Lee) to accept the budget as presented. Vote: all approved.**

**3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:**

Bob Banker attended the meeting for the AAU Shoreline Riptide from Waterford concerning Salem field use. The team has 3 Salem participants. The Commission will consider waiving the fee if 40% of the team has Salem participants on it. After much discussion, the Commission came to the conclusion that this year fields are available for use due to the fact there is no SYBL Prep Team. P. Henry stated the field might not be available for next year depending on enrollment. This is only for the 2010 season. Therefore, the Shoreline Riptide may have use of the fields for 18 uses for the fee of \$300.00. The scheduling will be coordinated by Bob Banker.

M/S/C (B. Appleby/P. Henry) to approve no more than 18 uses at the fee of \$300.00 for Shoreline Riptide use of Salem fields in 2010. Vote: Unanimous.  
Don Bourdeau Report:

D. Bourdeau reported the fertilizer and paint for the fields has been purchased. The nets have been installed at the tennis courts. Work is almost completed on the concession stand at the RHR Complex.

D. Bourdeau attended a facility meeting at the school. The school use for a walking program was presented. The superintendent does not have a problem with the use of the building for this purpose; however, they would like to have it monitored. Questions about the Multi Purpose path and how far it will continue was asked at the facilities meeting. D. Bourdeau will research a gate across the beginning of the path to deter vehicle use on the path.

Spring Maintenance will start soon on the ball fields. The pitcher's mound on the major league field was discussed.

First Selectman Kevin Lyden stopped in to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts towards Salem Recreation.

CL&P has been to the Forsyth Road Complex to see about ground service to the site.

As soon as the baseball schedule is set, D. Bourdeau will need the schedule to be able to schedule the crew for maintenance on the fields. Port-O-Potties will need to be added to RHR Complex, the School, and Forsyth Road complex. Route 82 is to be handled by the Cato Club.

Hunting has been suspended on all town property. P. Lee brought up there is a tree stand on the Gadbois Property that should be taken down. D. Bourdeau started the First Selectman should be notified about the stand.

A resident asked about the status of lighting for the tennis courts. Sue will pull the bids and start the process. A squeegee will be purchased for the courts. A backboard will be discussed at length at another meeting.

#### **4. Additions and Revisions:**

S. Spang added to New Business:  
a. Concession Stand  
f. Volleyball  
g. Tennis Courts

#### **5. New Business:**

##### **a. Concession Stand**

S. Spang reported the public works crew has done an excellent job on the renovation of the RHR concession stand. New cabinets have been installed, walls have been repaired and painted, new countertops installed, a fire extinguisher will be installed, and lights with sensors to be installed and a divider was installed in the men's room.

S. Spang spoke with Bob Banker about containers to hold sugar, food items, etc. Baseball also has to inform S. Spang what appliances need to be put back in the concession stand.

Baseball is writing a Standard Operating Procedure to include spring opening, fall closing, and daily use for the concession stand. The town expects the concession stand to be kept in good condition. Any work to be done on the building needs approval from the Recreation Commission.

**b. Budget**

The BOF complimented the Commission for presenting a zero percent increase for the 2010/2011 budget. Thursday night at 7:00pm is the BOF meeting where they will start to make their recommendations for reducing budgets. S. Spang asked if possible Commission members should attend.

The BOS approved an increase of hours for the Program Coordinator to 12 per week for the rest of the fiscal year 2009/2010. As of the 2010/2011 fiscal year starting in July, the hours will increase to 15. The BOF also approved the hours.

**c. 10 Year Plan**

The 10 Year Plan for the Forsyth Road Complex has been approved by P&Z. B. Appleby stated electrical work will begin in June or July.

**d. Mission Statement**

Ideas for the mission statement were presented. S. Spang will forward a copy of the ordinance to R. Cirillo and P. Lee.

Discussion took place about a possibly committee for between the Commission and the leagues. S. Spang stated this is something that the SRA could be in charge of.

**e. Recreation Clerk Report**

Summer programs are planned. Tennis, Multi Sports, and music lessons are planned right now. Red Cross Babysitting Training went well. Tuesday afternoons for the seniors at the library are going well.

Bus trip planned for May 1 to New York City.

April 10 is the Salem Road Race.

**f. Volleyball**

The bases for the nets are 25 years old and replacement parts are hard to get for the stands. The gaskets need and can be replaced. S. Spang spoke with Doug Murrow; he recommended the holes for the stands be put in the floor. The quoted expense would be \$650.00 for two, approximately \$1000.00 for three.

D. Bordeau suggested getting quotes in writing and pictures of what it would look like. He will speak with the gym teachers to get their thoughts on the upgrade to the system.

S. Spang requested R. Cirillo, Recreation Commission Secretary; send a thank you letter to Doug Murrow.

**g. Tennis Court**

Previously discussed.

**6. Old Business:**

- a. **Baseball** – P. Henry reported 3 registration dates were held for baseball signups. There are 3 major boys' teams, 3 or 4 minor teams including 8 year olds. Opening day is Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am; rain date, Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm.
- b. **Soccer**- Discussion about a sign on the Forsyth Road property.
- c. **Basketball** – Recreation league is going to be covered by B. Appleby for a few weeks. He will go on Tuesday and Thursday nights for sign in. It is for residents of Salem and their guests.
- d. **Multi Purpose Path** – Meeting for Path Committee will be on Wednesday. Clearing more of path was discussed. S. Spang will have to go to P&Z for approval of sign at the beginning of the path on Music Vale Road.

**7. Other Business**

There is a dinner this Saturday at Gardner Lake Fire House for the Salem Town Fund for residents who need help. It is from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. On Friday 10:30am at the firehouse, prep work will begin.

**8. Adjournment:**

**M/S/C (Applyby/Henry) to adjourn meeting at 9:05pm. Vote: Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary